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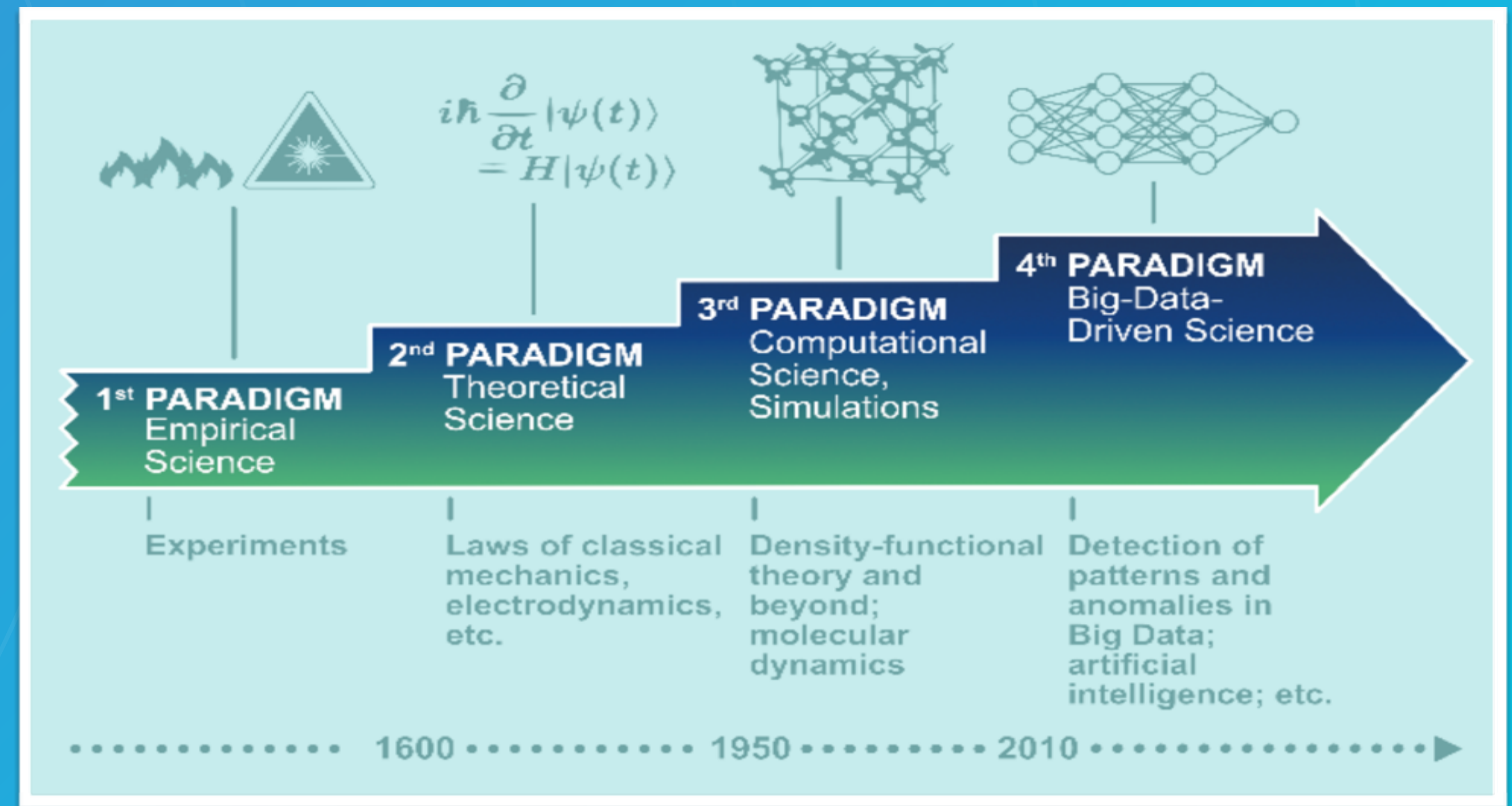
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- Data-enabled design as a fourth paradigm in materials science
- Physics agnostic v/s physics informed machine learning (ML)
- Can we find new materials or optimize existing ones using ML?

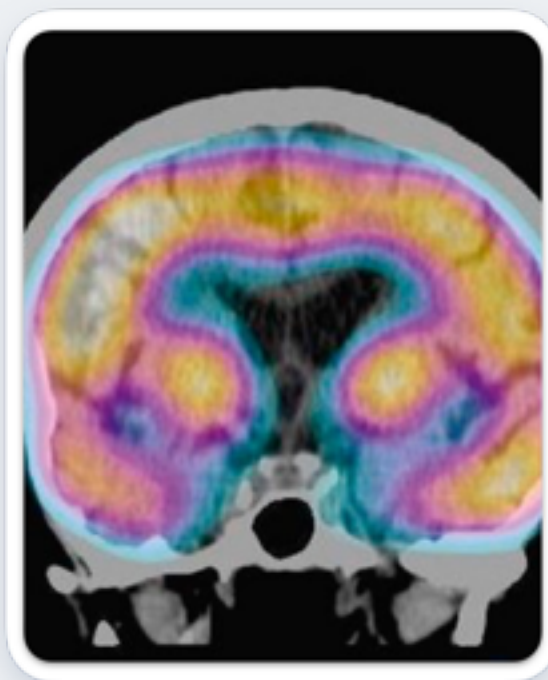


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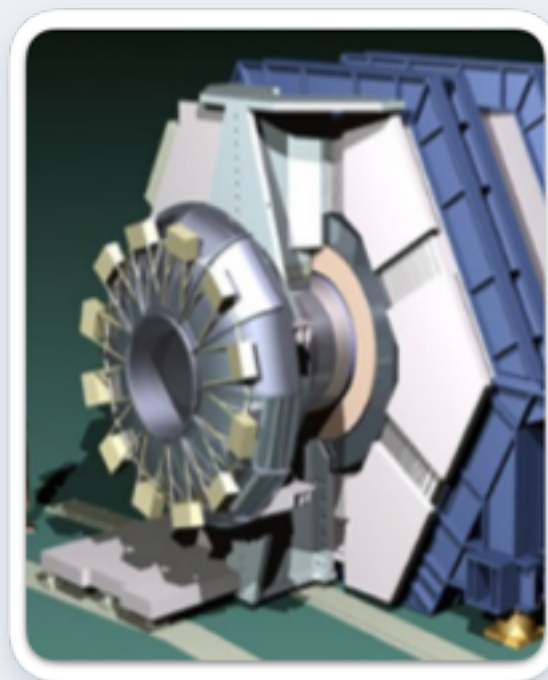
Discovery and Design of Novel Scintillators



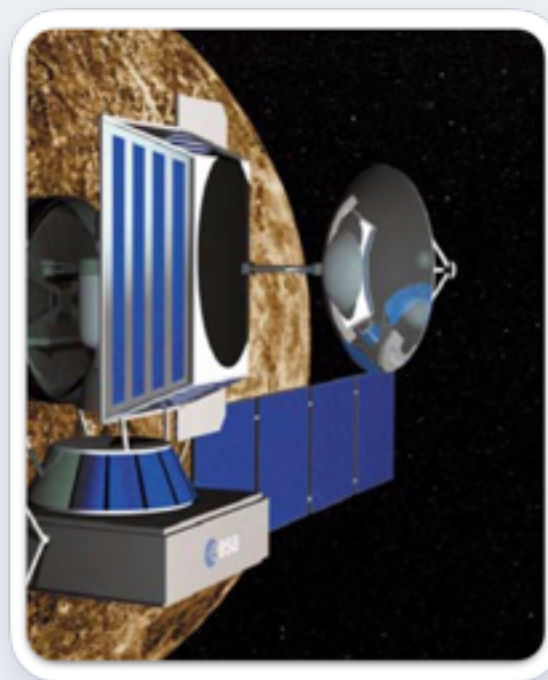
Global Security
& Threat Reduction



Medical Imaging

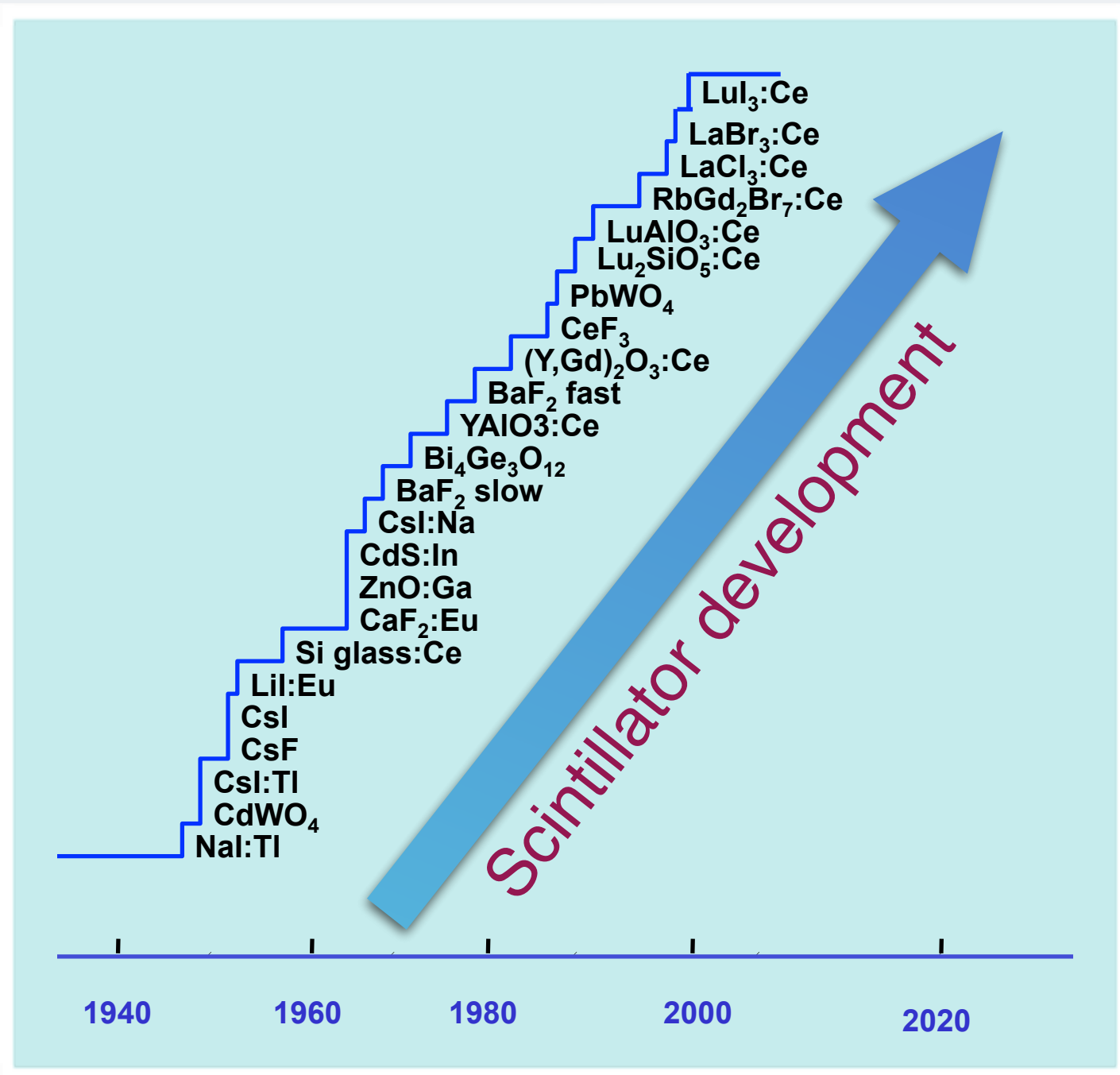


High Energy Physics
Experiments

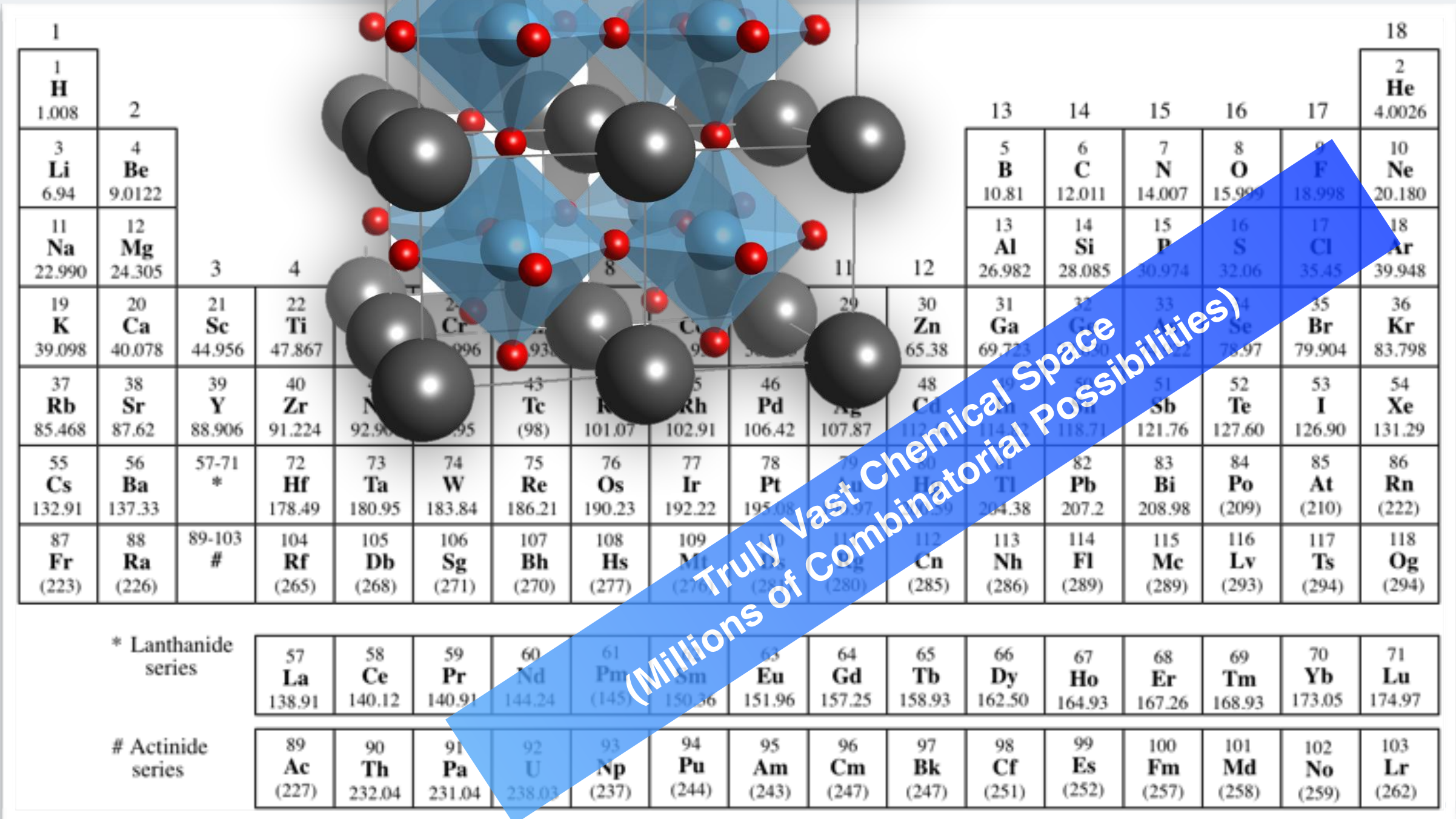


Space Research

Radiation detector materials — including scintillators — are also critical to a number of applications as well as existing and upcoming experimental facilities of direct interest to LANL, *e.g.*, ECSE, MaRIE and p-RAD.



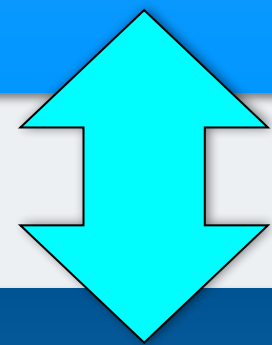
Scintillator discovery and development has largely been guided by chemical intuition and laborious trial-and-error based experimentation.



Scintillator *versus* Non-Scintillator Screening

Scintillator Performance

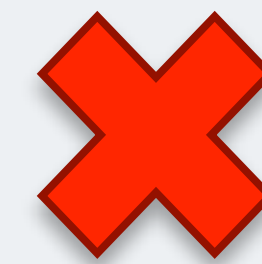
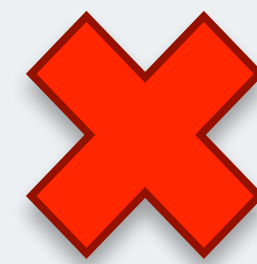
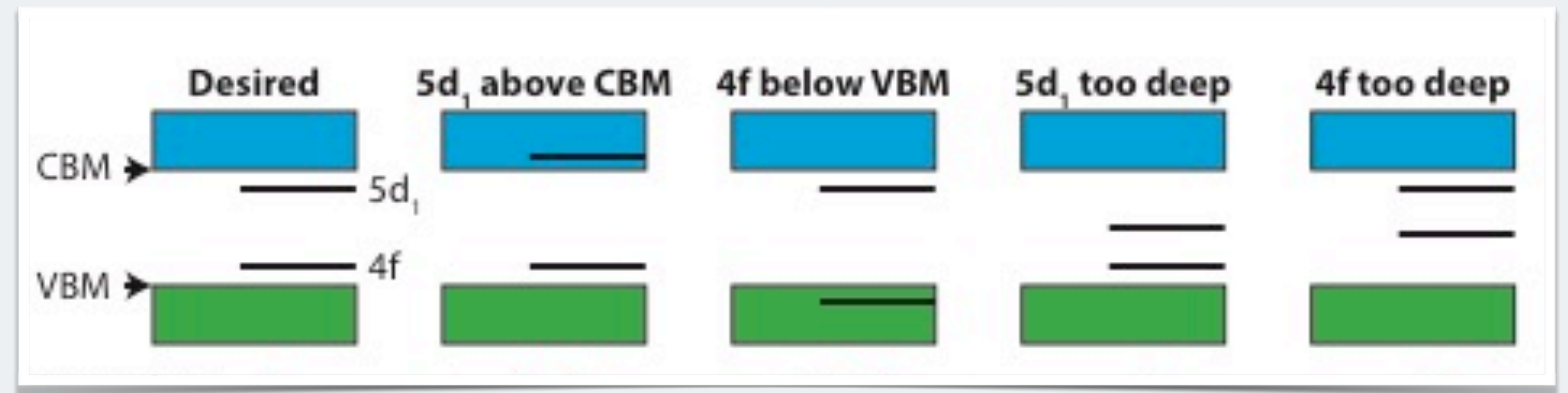
Light output, decay time,
radiation tolerance,
mechanical strength,
attenuation length...



Electronic Structure

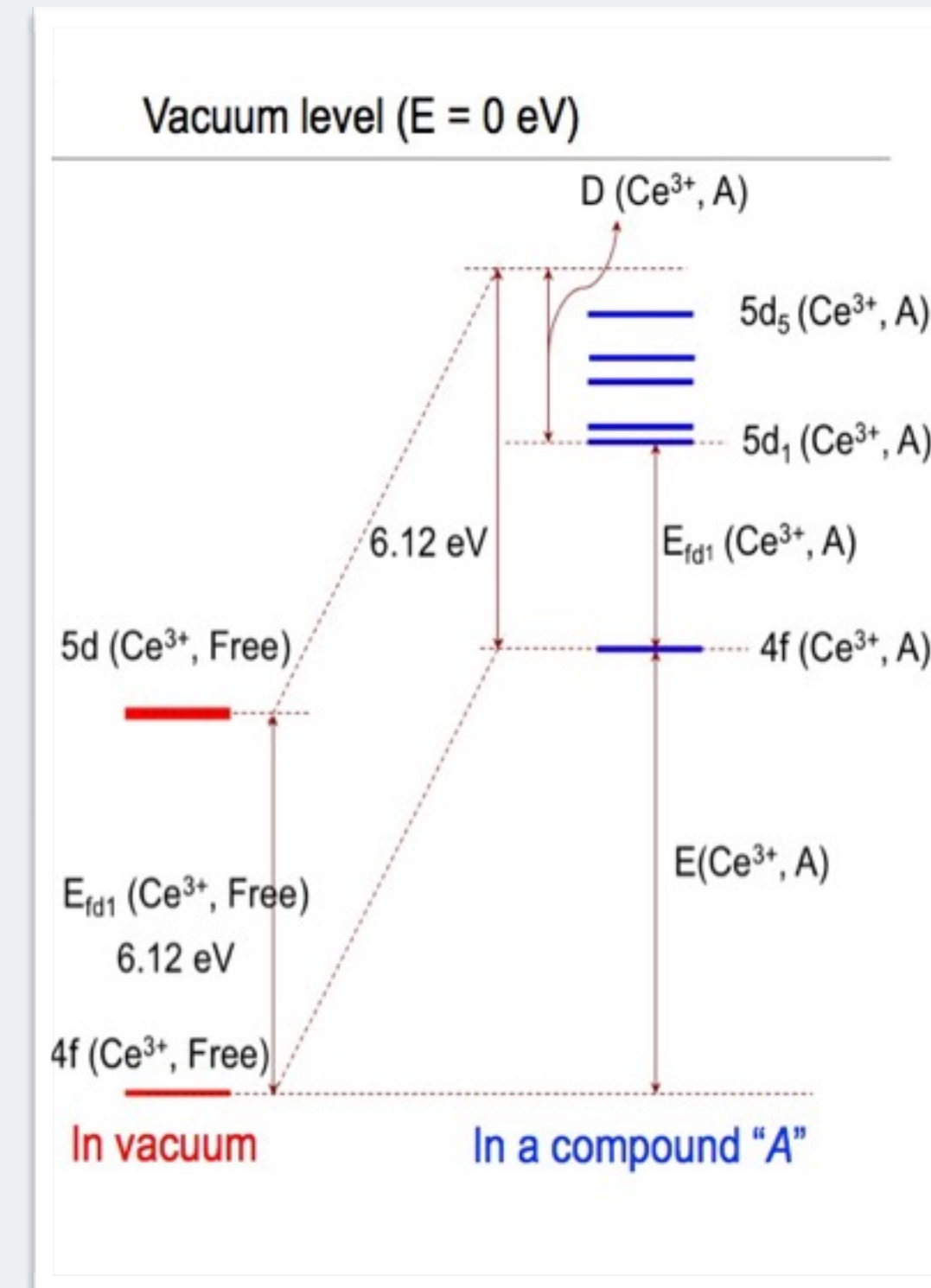
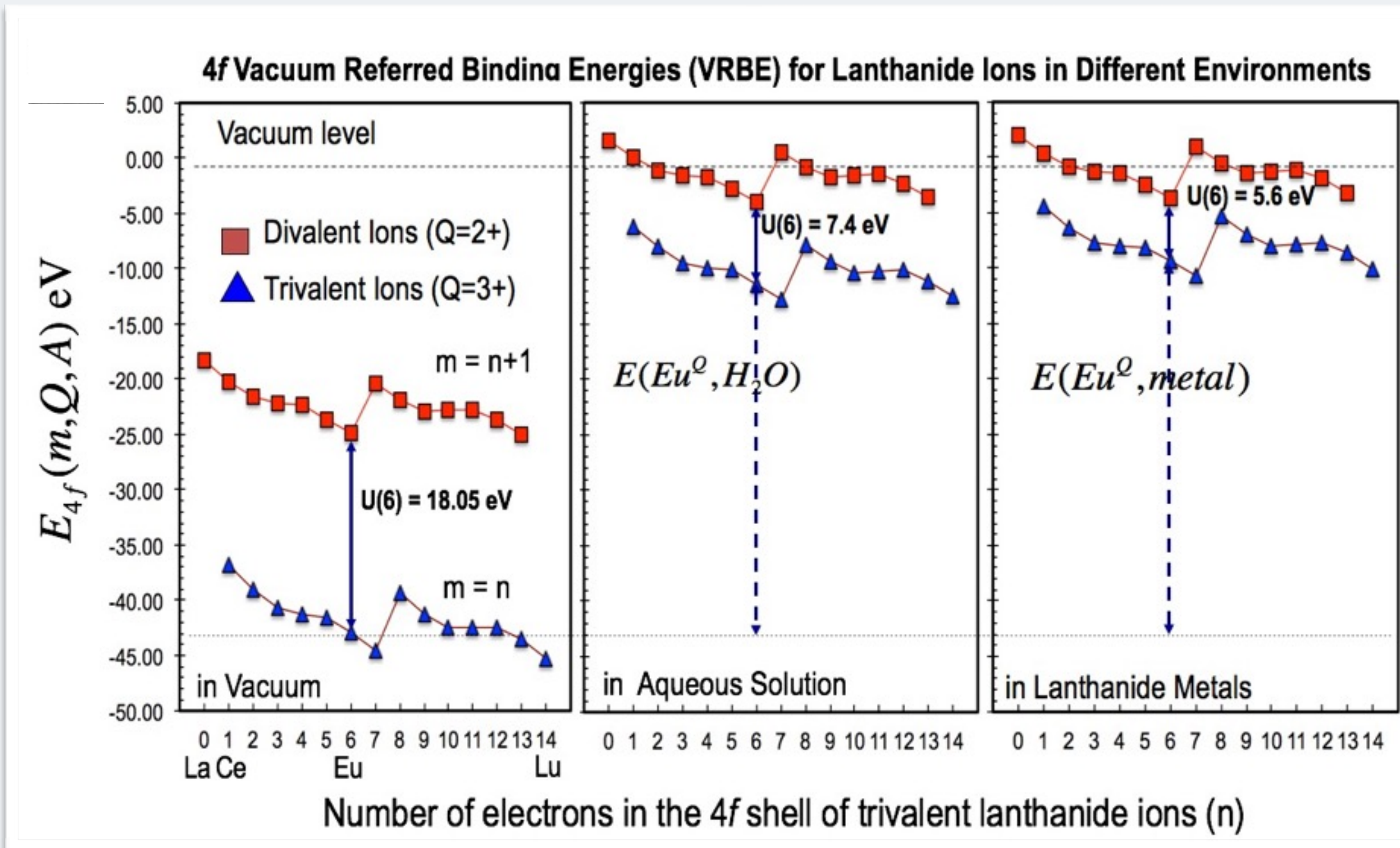
Band gap, band
dispersion, dielectric
screening, activator levels,
trap states, phonons...

- Electronic structure directly dictates the scintillator performance portfolio
- In Ln-doped inorganic scintillator chemistries, position of the activator levels with respect to the band edges can be used for a high throughput screening.



Amenable to bandgap
engineering

Putting the Right Physics in the ML Models



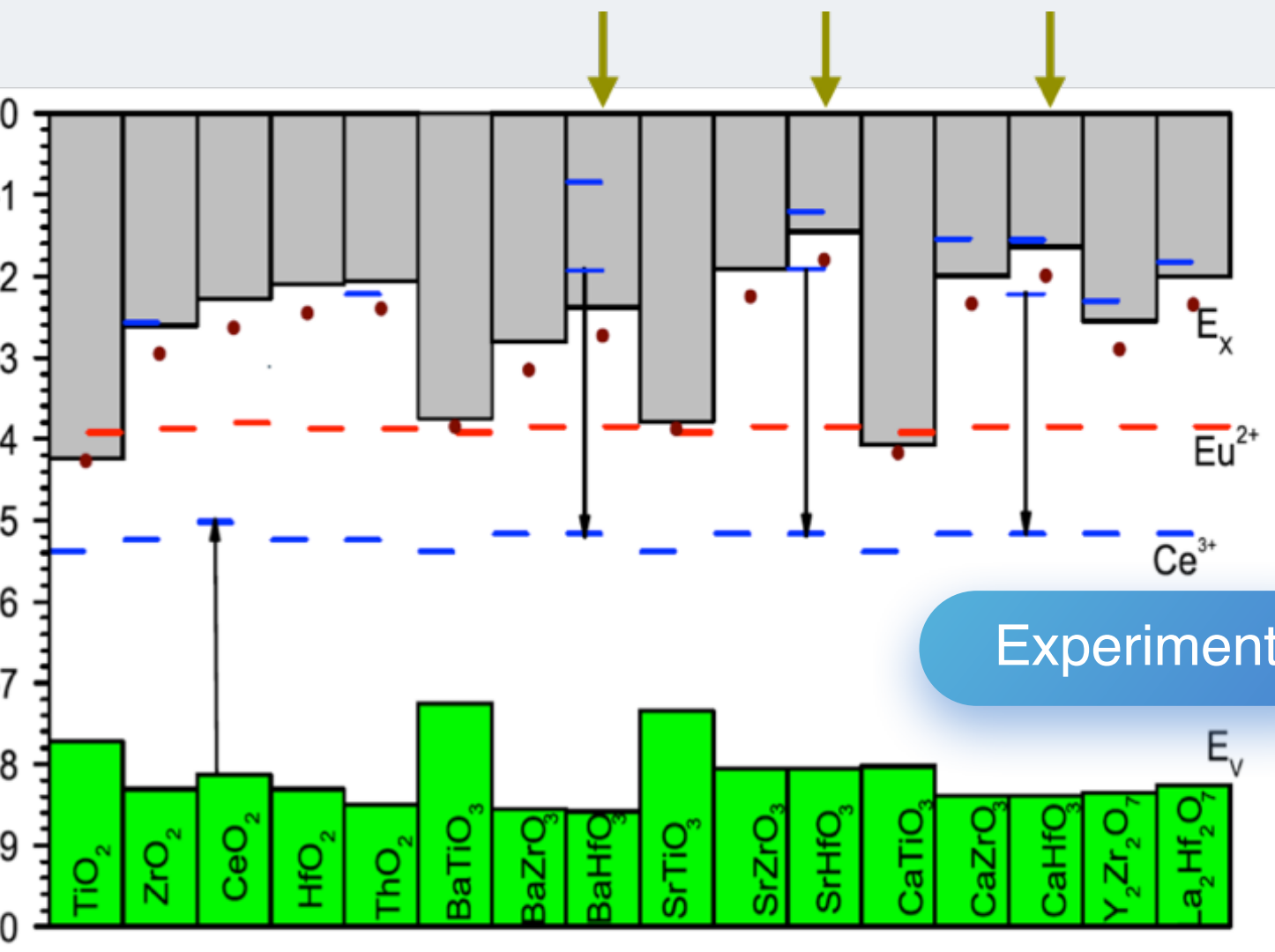
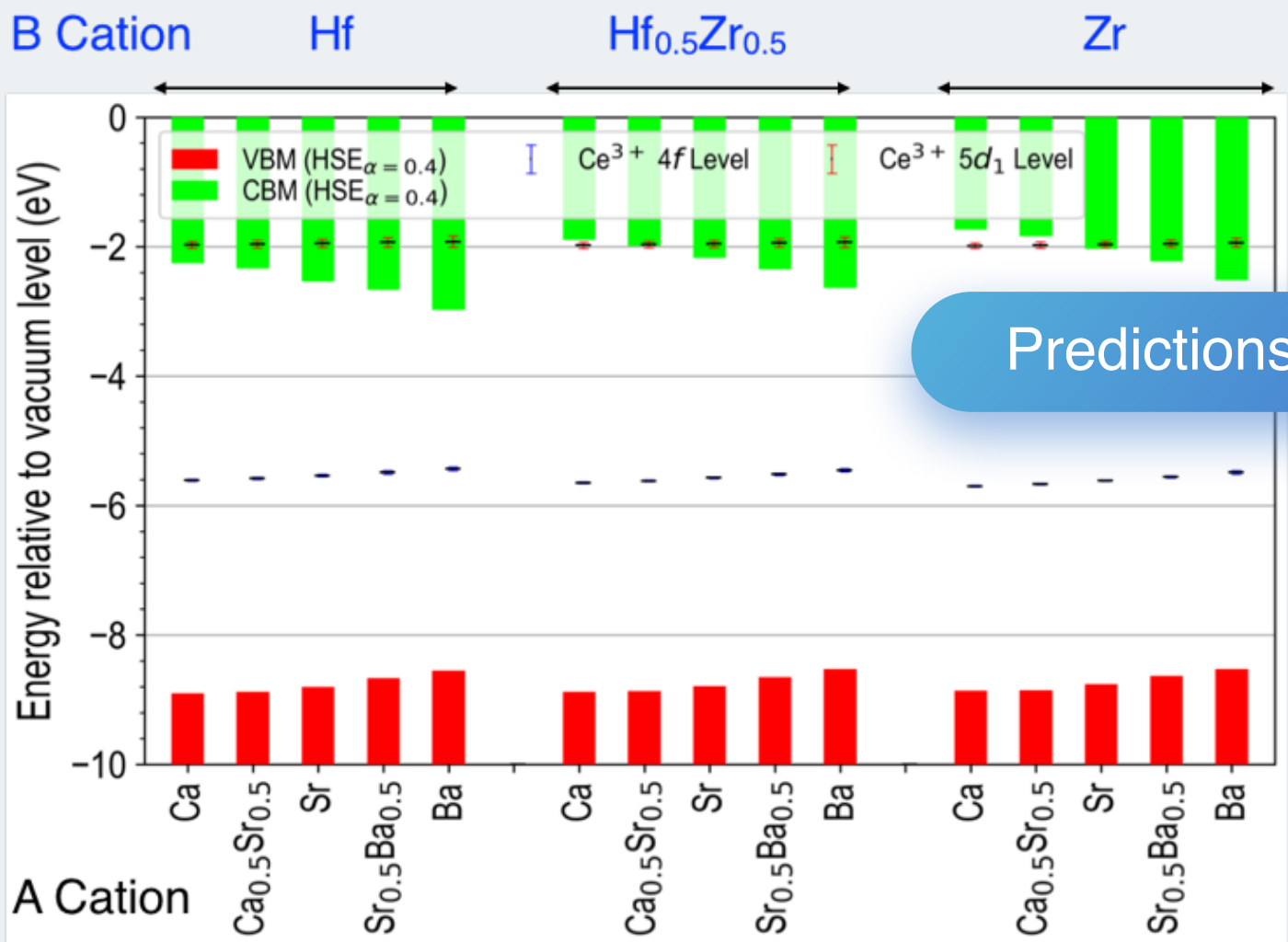
- The “U” parameter is a measure of f shell e-e repulsion in the lanthanide activator
- The “D” parameter is primarily governed by crystal field around the dopant

- A knowledge of the “U” and “D” parameters combined with Dorenbos’ chemical shift model[‡] and DFT-based electronic structure computations for the bandgap allows for an accurate prediction of the 4f and 5d₁ levels of a lanthanide activator in a given host chemistry.

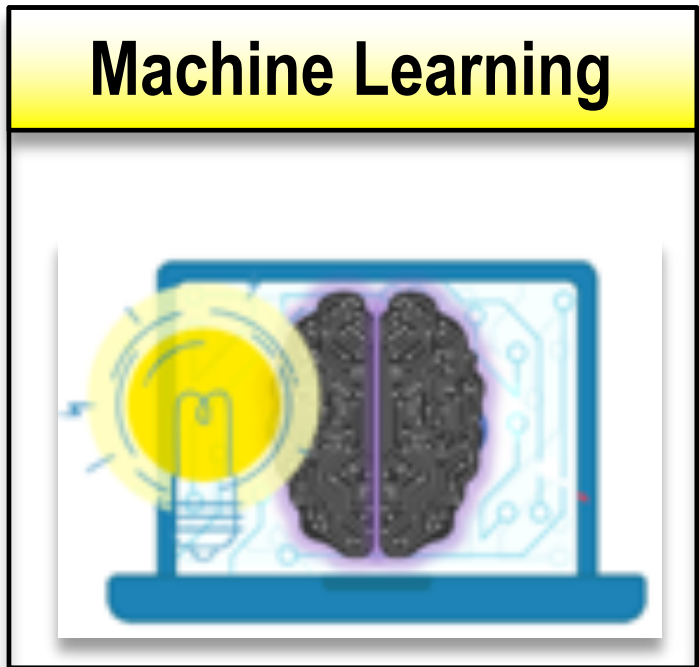
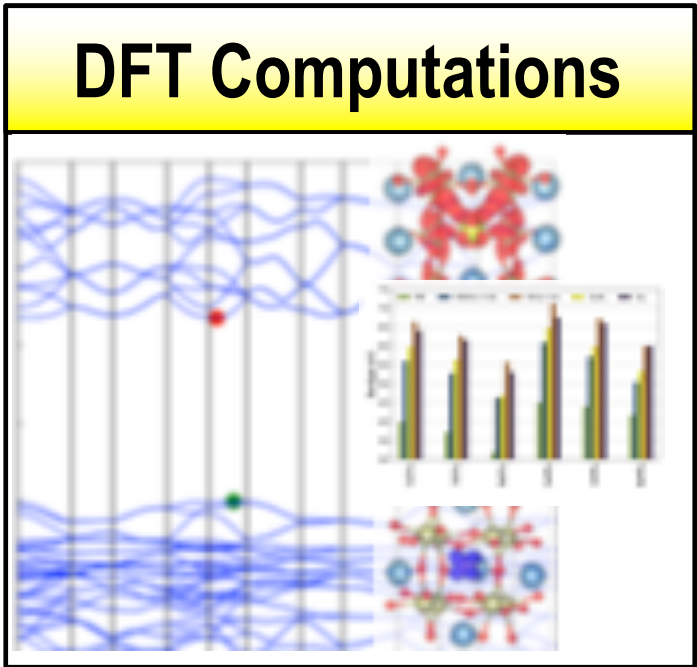
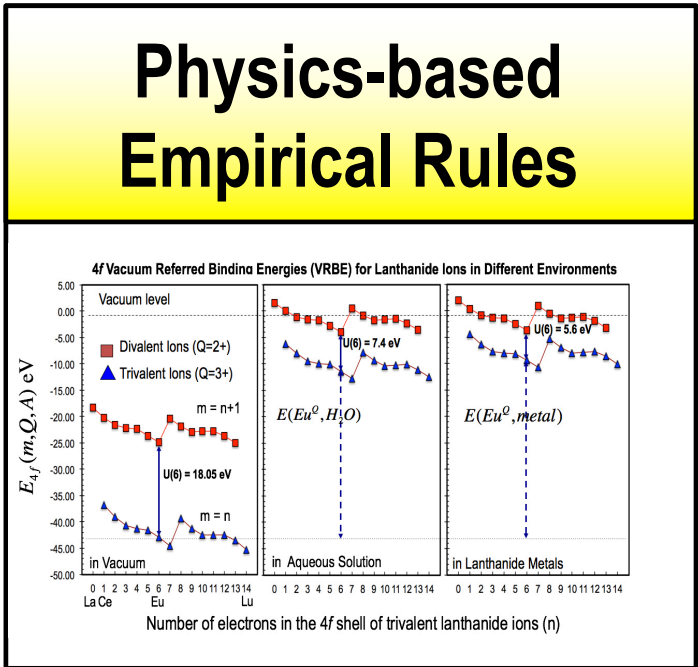
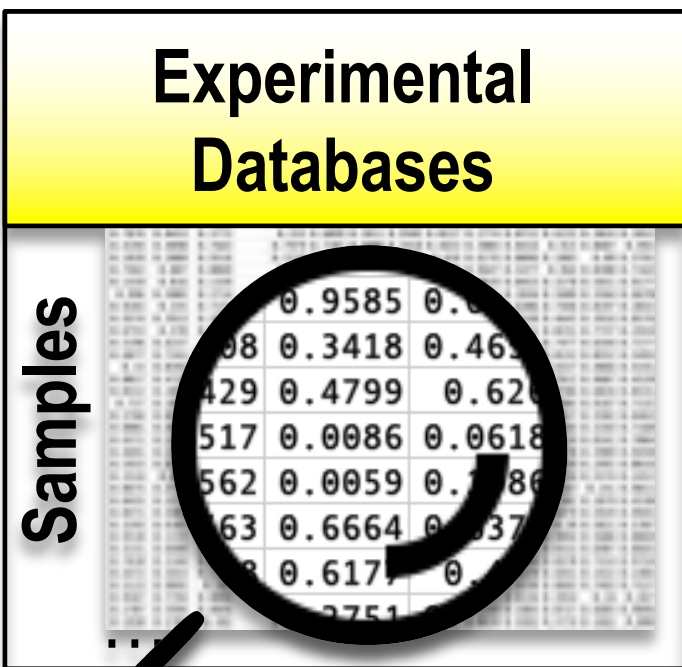
[‡]P. Dorenbos, Physical Review B 85, 165107 (2012).

Applications to Perovskites and Elpasolites

Chemical Trends



High Throughput Screening



Validated, Accurate and Efficient Prediction Model for Screening

